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In the Name of the Most High Viewpoint

Leader's Funeralary Amidst Vows of Vengeance

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Saturday's multimillion gathering of mourners on start of the 6-day funeralary of the martyred Leader of the Islamic Revolution that will take his blessed physical remains to the holy cities of Qom, as well as to Karbala and Najaf in Iraq, before final repose in the mausoleum of Imam Reza (AS) in Mashhad, is indeed a fitting farewell.

Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei who was and will remain forever the scholar, statesman, and saint that he was, continues to loom larger than life to the horror of his dastardly murderers, whom divine wrath will certainly afflict as was evident by the vociferous vows of vengeance of the aggrieved Iranian masses for his sacred blood.

The fact that his funeral ceremonies began on July 4, a date the USA (United States of Atrocities) is celebrating as the 250th anniversary of what it calls its cession from the British crown, portends the fast approaching end of American hegemony.

The day before yesterday (July 3) was the 38th anniversary of the dastardly downing of IRAN AIR Flight 655 with 298 passengers on board, including 63 children, bound for Dubai from Bandar Abbas, by the USS Vincennes as part of celebrations marking the eve of US independence anniversary.

Ayatollah Khamenei was then the President of the Islamic Republic and he denounced this crime against humanity by the US in the strongest terms, calling it a "deliberate, unforgivable atrocity" by "criminals and murderers" who should be brought to justice.

For 37 years, as the able successor of the Father of the Islamic Revolution, he strove to strengthen Iran in all spheres to the chagrin of the US and the illegitimate Zionist entity in the face of their satanic plots of sanctions, riots, takfiri terrorism, wars, and target-killing of leading figures, including military commanders and scientists.

Ayatollah Khamenei, following the 2020 murder of Qasim Soleimani by the US, hailed him as "the international face of the resistance", led the funeral ceremony himself in a state of mourning, and promised vengeance against the criminals as "the most wretched of humankind who bloodied their foul hands" with the general's blood.

On February 28 this year, he himself achieved the honoured status of martyrdom as victim of a joint plot and unprovoked attack of the mass murderer Benjamin Netanyahu and the terrified terrorist Donald Trump – the devilish duo unrepentant for its cowardly killing of one of history's most valourous paragons of virtue.

No wonder, the Iranian public and officials have promised vengeance for the sacred blood of martyrs – irrespective of the so-called talks for securing Iran's inalienable rights in all spheres – since the wounded hearts of the Iranian people and freedom lovers worldwide will find no solace except through retribution against the perpetrators.

The bloodthirsty US-Zionist enemy has committed the greatest crime and terrorist conspiracy of contemporary history and without the least doubt will meet their end, sooner than they realize.

The wiping off the Israeli cobweb from the world map is less than a decade away, as foretold by Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei while divine retribution will also strike the terrorist US with July 4 no longer an event to be celebrated anywhere.

Ghalibaf to Trump: 'Mind Your Malnutrition Rates'

TEHRAN – Iran's Parliament Speaker Muhammad Bagher Ghalibaf dismissed U.S. President Donald Trump's suggestion that Iran would need American agricultural products, pointing instead to food insecurity in the United States.

In a post on X, Ghalibaf rejected Trump's characterization of Iran's economic situation, writing, "Imagine having forty-something million of your own citizens on food stamps and calling another nation hungry."

"This is not a proclamation. This is a projection. Keep your SNAP

advice," Ghalibaf added, referring to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the U.S. government program that provides food-purchasing assistance to tens of millions of low-income Americans.

The exchange came after Trump alleged Iran was "making no money" and would need imports of "corn and wheat and soybeans," adding that he wanted "exclusively our American farmers" to provide those products.

"Our assets, our choices. Mind

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Medvedev: Hormuz Is Iran's 'Nuclear Weapon', Tehran 'Alive and Vibrant'

MOSCOW/TEHRAN – Russian Security Council Deputy Chairman Dmitry Medvedev said Saturday the Strait of Hormuz has become a strategic asset for Iran with deterrence power "no less than a nuclear weapon," speaking after a visit to Tehran for mourning ceremonies for Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei.

Medvedev described Tehran as a "lively and vibrant" city, saying the Iranian capital left a "completely positive impression" despite recent U.S.-Israeli aggression.

"I saw Tehran as a lively and vibrant city," Medvedev told journalists on his flight back to Moscow after attending mourning ceremonies. "Overall, the general situation in Tehran left a completely positive impression on me; the capital is alive and vibrant."

Medvedev said the Strait of Hormuz has effectively become a strategic instrument for Iran, adding that Tehran also possesses a "backup weapon" in the Bab el-Mandeb Strait that could disrupt shipping in the event of a broader regional war.

"I hope it does not come to that, but all countries seeking conflict in the region should remember this," Medvedev said.

The senior Russian official, who traveled to Tehran as a special envoy of President Vladimir Putin, attended funeral ceremonies for Ayatollah Khamenei, who was martyred in U.S.-Israeli strikes on February 28. The aggression prompted Iran to stage retaliatory strikes against American and Israeli targets, forcing the U.S. to announce a unilateral ceasefire on April 7.

Medvedev met with Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian during the visit, with the Russian delegation also including Energy Minister Sergey Tsivilev and Deputy Foreign Minister Georgy Borisenko. The two sides discussed accelerating implementation of strategic agreements between Tehran and Moscow, particularly in economic, trade, energy and transit sectors.

Pezeshkian highlighted the importance of the International North-South Transport Corridor as a key area for joint collaboration and called for closer cooperation through the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, BRICS and the Eurasian Economic Union.

Medvedev said he discussed with Pezeshkian the possibility of establishing a platform for countries under sanctions to coordinate efforts against what Moscow describes as "illegal" restrictive measures. He noted the initiative, originally proposed by Iran several years ago, could eventually take the form of an international agreement or organization bringing together sanctioned states.

"I think we can discuss the idea of creating some sort



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of treaty, or at least a platform, where states subject to sanctions could formulate positions on how to counter them, or perhaps even introduce counter-sanctions," Medvedev said.

"This applies to Russia and Iran; China is now facing sanctions, and there are other countries against which the United States and the European Union have imposed sanctions."

Medvedev sharply criticized recent U.S. military strikes on Iran as "completely unprovoked," stating that the attacks were launched while negotiations between Tehran and Washington were underway and describing the move as evidence of "a breakdown in international legal norms."

Commenting on the U.S.-Iran Memorandum of Understanding, Medvedev said significant differences remain between the two sides and predicted that reaching a comprehensive agreement will be "extremely difficult," particularly regarding sanctions relief and reconstruction funding.

Sharif Hails Martyr Leader's 'Profound Influence' After High-Profile Visit

ISLAMABAD/TEHRAN – Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday praised the wisdom and visionary leadership of the martyred Leader of the Islamic Revolution, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei, saying his legacy will be remembered for generations.

In a post on X, Sharif said he paid his respects and conveyed the deepest condolences of the Pakistani government and people to the Iranian government and the brotherly people of Iran during the funeral ceremonies in Tehran.

"The late Supreme Leader's wisdom, leadership and profound influence on Iran and the wider region will be remembered for generations," Sharif wrote. "As a brotherly neighbor, Pakistan stands with Iran in this time of grief," he added.

Sharif led a high-level delegation to Tehran to demonstrate Pakistan's solidarity with the Iranian people. The delegation included Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar, Chief of Army Staff Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, Interior Minis-

ter Syed Mohsin Naqvi, Information Minister Attaullah Tarar, and Pakistan Peoples Party Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari.

A parliamentary delegation led by Senate Chairman Yousaf Raza Gilani and National Assembly Speaker Sardar Ayaz Sadiq also attended the funeral alongside the prime minister.

Field Marshal Munir, who serves as Pakistan's Chief of Defense Forces, had arrived in Tehran separately to attend the funeral ceremonies.

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Iran Warns UK, France Against Military Adventurism in Hormuz

TEHRAN – Iran's deputy foreign minister for legal and international affairs Saturday warned that any military adventurism in the Strait of Hormuz will have consequences, saying that the responsibility of ensuring the security of the waterway lies with its coastal states.

"The Strait of Hormuz is not a theater for military display by extra-regional powers," Kazem Gharibabadi wrote on his X social media account, reacting to a joint statement by France and Britain on the Strait of Hormuz.

"Iran, as the responsible power and guarantor of the strait's security, warns against any mil-

itary movement in this sensitive waterway," he said.

Gharibabadi emphasized that "the security of Hormuz lies with the coastal states," adding, "Crisis-mongers will be responsible for the consequences of their adventurism; this is a serious warning."

The British Prime Minister's office released a joint statement on Friday by Keir Starmer and French President Emmanuel Macron, in which the two leaders described the Strait of Hormuz as a "vital artery for the global economy."

The statement claimed that Oman has agreed to cooperate

with Britain and France to secure its territorial waters against shipping risks. London and Paris also announced their readiness to deploy what they called a "broader multinational military mission" to support freedom of navigation in the Strait of Hormuz.

Macron said France has deployed mine-countermeasure assets, including two minehunters, frigates, and a maritime patrol aircraft, to the region in preparation for restoring safe navigation.

Iran closed the Strait of Hormuz to hostile states and their

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The Holy Qur'an

Say: Travel in the earth and see how He makes the first creation, then Allah creates the latter creation; surely Allah has power over all things.

The Holy Qur'an (29.20)

PRAYER TIMINGS

Noon (Zohr)	12:08
Evening (Maghreb)	19:44
Dawn (Fajr) "Tomorrow"	04:53
Sunrise "Tomorrow"	03:08

President Pezeshkian: Iran Will Not Bow to Any Bully

TEHRAN – President Masoud Pezeshkian has declared that the Islamic Republic will not bow to any bully, stressing that recent U.S.-Israeli aggression has only strengthened national unity rather than undermining the Islamic Republic.

Pezeshkian made the remarks during meetings with his Georgian counterpart Mikheil Kavelashvili and Turkish Vice President Cevdet Yilmaz on the sidelines of the farewell ceremony for martyred Leader of the Islamic Revolution Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei.

"Enemies thought that by targeting the Leader of the Islamic Revolution and creating widespread pressure, the Islamic Republic of Iran would falter and collapse, but the result was nothing more than increasing the cohesion, solidarity, and national unity of the Iranian nation," Pezeshkian said.

He noted that the country's armed forces "powerfully" defended Iran's security and territorial integrity, while the government maintained the provision of services and administration of the country throughout the crisis.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran will not bow to any bully," Pezeshkian stated. "They want to subjugate the nations, but our nation will not submit to force."

Slamming Israel's destabilizing actions in the region, Pezeshkian emphasized that Iran has always sought to expand friendly relations with neighboring countries, adding that Georgia occupies an important place in this approach.

Kavelashvili expressed the sincere condolences of the Georgian government and people on the martyrdom of Ayatollah Khamenei and many Iranian citizens, saying Georgia "followed this loss with deep sorrow and stood by the Iranian nation in these difficult days."

The Georgian president called for strengthening mutual cooperation, stating that Iran and Georgia have "ancient and deep-rooted civilizations" that can serve as a "valuable basis for deepening relations and charting new horizons of cooperation."

In his meeting with Yilmaz,

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